

REMARKS

I. Status of Claims

After the above amendments, claims 1-23 are pending. Claims 1 and 16 are independent and have been amended to better clarify the claims. Claims 17-21 were amended to correctly identify the claim from which they depend. Claims 5 and 13 have been amended to be consistent with amended claim 1. Claims 22 and 23 are new. Applicant thanks Examiner for indicating that claims 10 and 15 would be allowable if written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

II. Claim Objection

The Examiner has objected to claims 17-21 as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Specifically, claims 17-21 did not correctly identify the correct claim from which they depend. Accordingly, the Applicant has amended claims 17-21 to correctly identify the claim from which they depend. The claim objections are deemed to be overcome by the amendments and the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objections.

III. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by the Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 7-9, 11-14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by the Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections because AAPA, neither explicitly nor implicitly, discloses, suggests, or teaches all of the limitations of the claims. In particular, starting with independent claim 1, the claim as amended requires:

A display comprising:

- a display unit having a display panel;
- a first casing covering a front side of the display unit including an exposed display panel, and having a window for showing an effective image area of the display panel; and

a second casing connected with the first casing by a predetermined connection means so as to cover a rear side of the display unit,

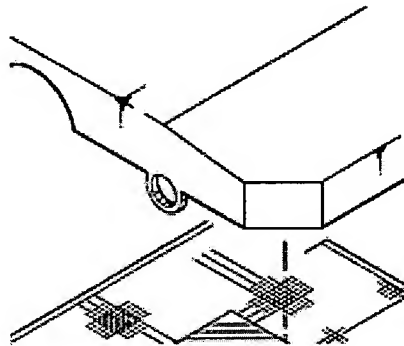
the connection means comprising:

at least one first hole penetrating an outer frame of the first casing;

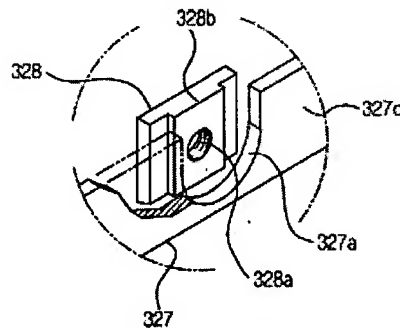
at least one fastening projection protruding from an inner wall of the second casing toward the display unit, the at least one fastening projection being spaced apart from an outer frame of the second casing, and having a fastening hole corresponding to the at least one first hole; and

at least one fastening member having a screw part which is screw-coupled with the fastening hole by penetrating the first hole (emphasis added).

The Examiner cited a protrusion protruding from the casing on the hinge unit side that is depicted in the Applicant's drawing figure 2 as disclosing the subject matter of "at least one fastening projection protruding from an inner wall of the second casing toward the display unit, the at least one fastening projection being spaced apart from an outer frame of the second casing, and having a fastening hole corresponding to the at least one first hole." In the AAPA, the protrusion protruding from the casing on the hinge unit side is formed as an extension of an outer frame of a second casing. For example, see the relevant portion of the Applicant's drawing figure 2 reproduced below.



By contrast, the Applicant's invention of claim 1 requires that the at least one fastening projection be spaced apart from an outer frame of the second casing. An example of an at least one fastening projection being spaced apart from an outer frame of a second casing is found in the Applicant's drawing figure 6 reproduced below.



As can clearly be seen from the above example, the at least one fastening projection is spaced apart from an outer frame of a second casing. By contrast, the AAPA discloses that the fastening projection extends from, and is part of, an outer frame of the second casing. Therefore, the AAPA does not disclose that the at least one fastening projection is spaced apart from an outer frame of the second casing. Thus, the AAPA, neither explicitly nor implicitly, discloses, suggests, or teaches all of the limitations of amended claim 1. As such, when considering the above subject matter with the remaining subject matter in the claim, amended claim 1 is allowable over the AAPA for at least the above reasons. Independent claim 16 comprises similar subject matter to that discussed with respect to claim 1 above, and is therefore allowable for similar reasons. Moreover, dependent claims 2-15 and 17-23 are allowable for the reasons given above by virtue of their dependence on independent claims 1 and 7.

IV. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA) in view of an Examiner's Official Notice (EON).

The Examiner has rejected claims 4-6 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA) in view of an Examiner's Official Notice (EON). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections in view of the below augments. Regarding claim 4, the Examiner has taken official notice of "a control board with the notch unit and the control board without the notch unit for their use in the display

housing art” and asserts that “selection of any of these known equivalents to fix a control board inside the LCD housing would be within the level of ordinary skill in the art.” Applicant respectfully traverses the EON and refers the Examiner to section 2144.03 of the MPEP. “Official notice without documentary evidence to support an examiner's conclusion is permissible only in some circumstances.” “If such notice is taken, the basis for such reasoning must be set forth explicitly. The examiner must provide specific factual findings predicated on sound technical and scientific reasoning to support his or her conclusion of common knowledge. See *Soli*, 317 F.2d at 946, 37 USPQ at 801; *Chevenard*, 139 F.2d at 713, 60 USPQ at 241.” Here, the Examiner has merely made a conclusion of common knowledge and has not provided specific factual findings predicated on sound technical and scientific reasoning to support his or her conclusion of common knowledge. Therefore the examiner is respectfully requested to provide documentary evidence to support the examiner's conclusion.

Moreover, even if the examiner does produce documentary evidence of “a control board with the notch unit and the control board without the notch unit for their use in the display housing art”, the EON does not disclose, teach, or suggest each and every element of the claim. Specifically, the EON does not disclose, teach, or suggest at least one notch unit which is cut in a predetermined shape to receive the screw part of the fastening member and the fastening projections, as recited in applicant's claim 4. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to articulate how the EON is being interpreted to disclose the above subject matter from claim 4.

Additionally, the Examiner has not provided motivation to combine the AAPA with EON. It is unclear how the Examiner's allegations that “the selection of any of these known equivalents to fix a control board inside the LCD housing would be within the level of ordinary skill in the art” motivates the combination of AAPA with “at least one notch unit which is cut in a predetermined shape to receive the screw part of the fastening member and the fastening projections”. Therefore, should the Examiner maintain the rejection, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner clarify how “the selection of any of these known equivalents to fix a control board inside the LCD housing would be within the level of ordinary skill in the art” motivates the combination of the AAPA with EON.

As such, considering the above arguments with respect to claim 4, claim 4 is allowable over the AAPA in view of the EON. Moreover, dependent claims 5 and 6 are allowable for the

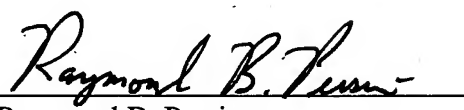
reasons given above by virtue of their dependence on claim 4. Further, independent claim 16 is allowable over the AAPA in view of the EON for at least the above reasons given above with respect to claims 1 and 4.

V. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is believed that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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